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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 17-36 are pending in the application. Claims 17-36 are rejected.

35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 17-19 and 21-36

Claims 17-19 and 21-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nilsson (U.S. Patent No. 3,643,521). Claims 19-21, 25 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Spontelli (U.S. Patent No. 2,818,745). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the following remarks.